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To: All State Directors (except AK and ESO)  
From: Director, National Science & Technology Center  
Subject: National Rangeland Inventory, Monitoring, and Evaluation Report

**Program Area:** Rangeland Management

**Purpose:** The National Science & Technology Center is collecting information for the FY 2002 National Rangeland Inventory, Monitoring, and Evaluation Report.

**Background:** To assist in compiling this report, Microsoft Excel spreadsheets and/or Wordperfect tables have been sent to each State Rangeland Inventory & Monitoring Lead through the Lotus Notes mail system.

**Policy/Action:** The report is to be completed in accordance with the guidance in BLM Handbook H-4400-1 (Rel. 4-98 and 4-100), and BLM Manual Handbook 4180-1 Release 1-107 dated 1/19/01. The FY 2002 report will again require an additional section in Table 5. This section is for reporting the number of allotments, by category, for which all scheduled monitoring and/or evaluations have been completed for the reporting year in compliance with the Field Office Monitoring and Evaluation Plan. Report each allotment when all scheduled monitoring, as defined in the allotment monitoring plan, is completed for the Fiscal Year. For example, if the allotment monitoring plan calls for three trend plots to be read, actual use to be collected, and utilization to be read, then report one allotment monitored when all data are collected and documented for the year. If the schedule only requires doing a utilization study for the year, then report one allotment monitored if the study is completed. If an evaluation was scheduled along with collecting monitoring data, report the allotment once when the monitoring and evaluation are complete.

If monitoring was not scheduled, but an evaluation was, then report the allotment when the evaluation is completed.

Field Offices are also to report the number of allotments and acres that are meeting rangeland health standards in Table 7.

Please consolidate Field Office information and complete the Excel spreadsheets or Wordperfect tables.

**Timeframe:** This IM is effective upon receipt. Due date for state submissions is October 15, 2002.

**Budget Impact:** The effect of this IM on the budget is minimal because the required tasks are required annually, and no new information is being requested in comparison with past years.

**Manual/Handbook Sections Affected:** BLM Handbook H-4400-1 (Rel. 4-98 and 4-100), and BLM Manual Handbook 4180-1 Release 1-107 dated 1/19/01.

**Coordination:** Preparation of this IM was coordinated with State Rangeland Inventory & Monitoring Leads.

**Contact:** All State responses should be submitted to Mike ASherm@Karl, Inventory & Monitoring Specialist, ST-132, National Science & Technology Center. For further information, contact Sherm at (303) 236-0166.

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